

Additional File 11. Elaboration of PDGFR $\alpha$  on bipotent neuronal / oligodendrocyte precursors (N/OPs) independent of PDGF-AA application following propagation *in vitro*. N/OPs at 2 h. (A-B) in vitro express the bHLH transcription factors, Olig2 and Mash1 (A), in addition to nestin (B). Immunofluorescence microscopic analysis reveals that PDGFR $\alpha$  expression is not initially expressed by this cellular species in our clonal culture paradigm. However, PDGFR $\alpha$  (arrow heads) expression is unequivocally present at 24 h. (C-D) showing that N/OPs begin to acquire PDGFR $\alpha$  expression and responsiveness to PDGF-AA required for OL lineage commitment.